

# THE GROVE'S

## Family News Update



### Status and Visits

Larry & Melanie are still at the same address, and working for the same employers. Larry is still reading technical literature, practicing his cello and kayaking. Melanie is still making amazing yarn and knitted projects.

Austin, Alan & Andrew are all married - respectively to Janae, Katie & Bethany. They each have a house: Austin's is 2 mi away, Alan's a plane ride away (in NY), Andrew's about an hour away. They each work in technical fields (engineering and/or management). However, their gals bring variety: Janae is a businesswomen with many irons in the fire, Katie directs a local HeadStart program, and Bethany is a firefighter & has worked for a non-profit.

Austin & Janae have 2 kids: Camden is a precocious 2nd grader and Elias an energetic 4 year-old. Since they are so near, we get together weekly for dinner.

### Larry at Philips

I have reached 30 years of work service at Philips. What is surprising is how quickly the time has passed because work continues to be interesting.

### Mel at High School

North Creek High School newly opened this school year, and Melanie has started working there. Previously at a Jr High school, she is now enjoying her work even more than before.

### Kayaking

We have explored both fresh and salt water this year (including transiting the Ballard Locks, and Chuckanut Bay by Larabee State Park). Kayaking is like water hiking and enables you to get to amazing places.



Alan & Katie visited us this summer for a couple of weeks. We didn't plan to keep them busy, but we ended up doing a lot of activities together: rafting, camping, the zoo, etc. The time was good and it went by too fast.

Andrew & Bethany have been busy with house projects this year. They got into their house about a year ago, and have made it very cozy. In January Bethany graduated from fire training academy. The biggest news is that they have a baby on the way, due early next year!

Jessica, our German daughter (who graduated High School with Andrew) also came from Europe for a visit. We traveled sight-seeing to Oregon, Victoria B.C. and other places together. Once again it was hard to say goodbye.

## Five Generations

Melanie's Grandma Turner reached the age of 100 this year; Melanie has Cami as a granddaughter, so that is grand relations in both directions. Every time we all get together, we try and take another 5 generations picture.



Blessings on you and your people, this year and next,

-Larry

## River Rafting

We did a family rafting adventure with our kids while Alan & Katie were here. The Wenatchee River was still pretty exciting when we were on it. Austin bounced out of the raft early on, but we got him right back in and had a blast. We then stayed that night together at a wonderful Bed & Breakfast.



## Tripping the Oregon Coast

During Jessi's visit, we did a road trip down the Oregon coast: So much beauty and lots of fun - including boogie boarding at Cannon Beach. We saw old lighthouses, some spouting whales and we jumped off sand dunes!

